TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





SB 724

February 21, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits an employer from inquiring if an applicant or a current employee owns or possesses a firearm. Prohibits businesses from searching privately-owned motor vehicles for the purpose of determining if the operator is in lawful possession of a handgun, except in certain circumstances when a valid search is permitted. Prohibits an employee claim of wrongful discharge due to a violation of a private property owner's prohibition of handguns on their property. Holds business entities harmless against claims that the entity failed to conduct a valid search or establish a policy that allows a lawful search of a motor vehicle for a handgun. Subjects a valid handgun permit holder, who violates a private entity's rule prohibiting handguns, to suspension of the permit for a period of 30 days for a first violation, one year for a second violation, and revocation for a third violation. Requires a business to notify the Department of Safety within 10 days of a violation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, this could result in additional suspensions of handgun carry permits. Any fee revenue impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Any additional workload can be handled within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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